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1. Entering the harbor of Kovda (H66-42, H32-50) [] the light-house signals did not function according to schedule. 25X1
2. Kovda has one pier constructed of planks attached to pilings by wood plugs. Harbor depth is twenty-two feet and the [] ship could only pass the bar and enter the harbor at high tide. Streets in the harbor area are covered with sawdust. 25X1
3. Cargoes are loaded by Finnish-made straddle trucks. There are no cranes in the harbor. Stevedore work is performed in shifts by women under the supervision of men. Shipping agents and all Soviet personnel in the area appeared to be afraid of the politruk, who watched over all contact between the ship and the inhabitants of Kovda. The cargo of lumber was loaded efficiently and well. 25X1

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[] Comment: The political officer of an enterprise. 25X1

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